GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4039
ANSWERED ON:20.08.2001
ACTION PLAN FOR NH - 31, 34 AND 35
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government are aware that due to floods occasionally National Highway Nos. 31, 34 and 35 get severest damages in the State of West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the details of specific plan the Government is contemplating to raise the level of these National Highways from the water level during floods and its expansion to accommodate traffic from the rest of the country to the North East;

(d) whether the National Highway linking the districts of Malda and Uttar Dinajpur of West Bengal are facing a major threat in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GENERAL (RET KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a)&(b) The Government are aware that damages do occur occasionally on NH Nos. 31, 34 and 35 in the State of West Bengal due to floods. This year no severe damages have been reported so far.

(c) At present no such specific plan is contemplated to raise the level of the low lying reaches of these National Highways. For the improvement of these National Highways to accommodate traffic efficiently, works amounting to Rs 78 crores have been sanctioned from 1999-2000 till date.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.